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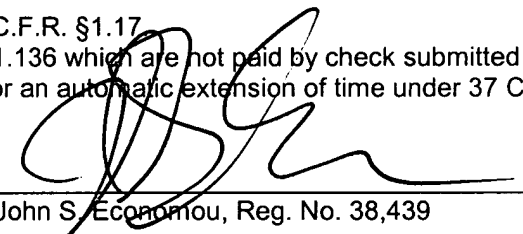
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Docket No.: 5041.1003  
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In re application of: **Andreas LINGENS et al.**  
Serial No.: 10/572,194  
Filed: As national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP04/10334 filed September 15, 2004  
For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE COUNTERPRESSURE-SAFE SEPARATION OUT AND ELIMINATION OF PARTICLES FROM FLUID STREAMS**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (12 pgs)** in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136
  - ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: